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Development of the wood distillation industry in the Presidency.

*166 Q—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the installation of machinery at the Bhadravati works in Mysore for the development of the wood distillation industry ; and

(b) whether Government have taken or propose to take steps in the same direction within the Madras Presidency ?

A.—The general question of the possibility of the industry is under investigation by the Forest Department and pending the results of that investigation, it is not proposed to open any factory.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I enquire whether the Forest Department has employed any expert to investigate this question ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" That I cannot say."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member is requested to give notice of a separate question."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" May I know whether there is any possibility of getting alcohol even from saw dust and other vegetable wastes ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" That will have to be investigated by the Forest Department."

Government aid to industries.

*167 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to place before the House a statement showing—

(a) all the industries aided by Government under the State Aid to Industries Act ;

(b) the extent of the aid ;

(c) what amount has been repaid in each case ;

(d) for what amount there has been delay or default ;

(e) whether in any case there has been failure or winding up of the business ; and

(f) what are the prospects of their discharging the Government debt ?

A.--A statement [a] is appended.

Mr J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I enquire what final action has been taken with regard to the Carnatic Mills and whether the Government propose to take any action in the matter ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" It will be known this afternoon."

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